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SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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DREDGING AT AMBEDKAR PORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dredging Corporation of India was awarded a contract for cleaning the channel and deepening of Dr. Ambedkar Dock Basin of Chennai Port Trust in August, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the corporation had conducted a survey of the Dock Basin before signing the contract;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the corporation has suffered any loss in the said contract; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (f): Chennai Port Trust had awarded the work for 'Deepening of Dr. Ambedkar Dock Basin and Maintenance Dredging in the Outer Harbour, Entrance Channel and Sand Trap' to Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCI) in June, 2003. It involved dredging of about 8.67 lakh cubic metres in the specified area at Dr. Ambedkar Dock Basin and 7.15 lakh cubic metres in Bharathi Dock and Approach Channel. The completion time for the project was six months. DCI had engaged National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) to conduct a survey of the Dr. Ambedkar Dock Basin before signing the contract in accordance with the generally accepted guidelines of the International Association of Dredging Companies. DCI incurred a loss of Rs. 3.76 crores and has taken up with Chennai Port Trust for resolving the matter.